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HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER SONG CAU

BAC CAN, NORTH VIETNAM

2209N - 10550E

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1. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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REVEALS A FOUR-SPAN CONCRETE AND STEEL COMBINATION HALF-THROUGH AND DECK-TYPE BRIDGE OVER THE SONG CAU (RIVER), JUST NORTH OF BAC CAN ON ROUTE 3.

AN AIRFIELD (BAC CAN AIRFIELD, [REDACTED]) IS OBSERVED JUST NORTH OF BAC CAN AND EAST OF ROUTE 3. THE CITY OF BAC CAN AND THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE ARE HEAVILY DEFENDED BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS AND LIGHT ANTIAIRCRAFT SITES.

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2. STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT THE BRIDGE WAS STRUCK BY SIXTEEN US AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT SUPPORTED BY TWENTY-FIVE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT. ORDNANCE EXPENDED CONSISTED OF THIRTY-TWO 3000 POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS.

3. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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VEALS EVIDENCE OF AN ATTEMPTED STRIKE AGAINST THE BAC CAN HIGHWAY BRIDGE. THE BRIDGE STRUCTURE ITSELF APPEARS UNDAMAGED BUT THE SOUTHERN APPROACH IS INTERDICTED.

THE MAJORITY OF THE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE STRIKE IS CENTERED IN AN AREA JUST SOUTHWEST OF THE BRIDGE. IN THIS SECTION OF BAC CAN AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE THATCH AND WOODEN HUTS ARE DESTROYED, NINE HUTS SUFFERED STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, AND AT LEAST THIRTY-FIVE SUSTAINED LIGHT ROOF DAMAGE. (PART OF THE LATTER DAMAGE AFFECTED BUILDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH A SMALL SAW MILLING INDUSTRY AND

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ANOTHER SMALL UNIDENTIFIED INDUSTRY IN THE AREA).

TWO ADDITIONAL AREAS WERE STRUCK IN AN AREA SOUTHEAST OF BRIDGE.
AT LEAST NINE HUTS ARE DESTROYED; AND IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS
NORTH OF THE BRIDGE FIVE HUTS ARE DESTROYED AND THREE BUILDINGS ARE DAMAGED.

PERSONNEL ARE OBSERVED MANNING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS AND LIGHT
ANTI-AIRCRAFT SITES AROUND THE CITY AND BRIDGE.

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HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER SONG THUONG
LANG MET, NORTH VIETNAM
2130N 10621E

1. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED] REVEALS

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A HIGHWAY BRIDGE ON ROUTE 1 SPANNING THE SONG THUONG (RIVER), LOCATED ON THE NORTH EDGE OF LANG MET AND APPROXIMATELY 40 NM NORTHEAST OF HANOI.

2. STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE WAS STRUCK ON 05 OCTOBER 1965 BY EIGHTEEN USAF F-105 AIRCRAFT SUPPORTED BY THIRTY-FIVE OTHER AIRCRAFT. ORDNANCE EXPENDED CONSISTED OF THIRTY 3000-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS.

3. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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REVEALS TWO SPANS AND THE CONCRETE SUPPORTING PIERS ON THE EASTERN END OF THE BRIDGE TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, AND THE EAST AND WEST APPROACHES TO THE BRIDGE TO HAVE BEEN INTERDICTED.

4. THE DAMAGE TO THE HOUSING LOCATED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SONG THUONG (RIVER) IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

AREA 1: NO MAJOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE IS NOTED TO THE HOUSING LOCATED ALONG ROUTE 1, 300-600 YARDS SOUTHWEST OF THE BRIDGE; HOWEVER, FOURTEEN OF THE BUILDINGS HAVE SUSTAINED LIGHT-TO-MODERATE ROOF DAMAGE.

AREA 2: APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN BUILDINGS/HUTS ARE DESTROYED, APPROXIMATELY TWELVE BUILDINGS/HUTS HAVE SUSTAINED STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, AND APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE BUILDINGS/HUTS HAVE SUSTAINED

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LIGHT-TO-MODERATE ROOF DAMAGE IN THE HOUSING AREA LOCATED ON EITHER SIDE OF ROUTE 1 FROM THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE TO A POINT 300 YARDS TO THE WEST.

AREA 3: APPROXIMATELY TWENTY SMALL HUTS ARE DESTROYED AND APPROXIMATELY TEN SMALL HUT-TYPE BUILDINGS HAVE SUSTAINED LIGHT-TO-MODERATE ROOF DAMAGE IN THE HOUSING AREA LOCATED ON EITHER SIDE OF ROUTE 1 FROM THE EAST END OF THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 300 YARDS EAST OF THE BRIDGE.

AREA 4: ELEVEN BUILDINGS HAVE SUSTAINED LIGHT-TO-MODERATE ROOF DAMAGE IN THE HOUSING AREA LOCATED WITHIN LANG MET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE 1 FROM 300-500 YARDS EAST OF THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE.

5. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE LANG MET HIGHWAY BRIDGE CONTROLS TRAFFIC BETWEEN KEP AND LANG SON, WHERE ROUTE 1A COULD BE USED AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE HANOI - LANG SON RAIL LINE. THE INTERDICTION OF THIS BRIDGE COULD CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THROUGH CAPACITY ON ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ROAD ACCESSES FROM SOUTHERN CHINA TO HANOI VIA LANG SON.

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TWO ADDITIONAL AREAS WERE STRUCK SOUTHEAST OF THE BRIDGE IN WHICH AT LEAST NINE HUTS ARE DESTROYED; AND IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS NORTH OF THE BRIDGE, FIVE HUTS ARE DESTROYED AND THREE BUILDINGS ARE DAMAGED.

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1. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY, TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED] REVEALS

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THE LANG MET HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG THUONG (RIVER) LOCATED ON THE NORTH EDGE OF THE CITY ON ROUTE 1, APPROXIMATELY 40 NM NORTHEAST OF HANOI. THE BRIDGE IS A FOUR-SPAN, WOODEN DECK-TYPE WITH CONCRETE PIERS AND ABUTMENTS.

2. STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT THE LANG MET HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG THUONG WAS STRUCK ON 05 OCTOBER 1965, BY EIGHTEEN USAF F 105 AIRCRAFT SUPPORTED BY 35 OTHER AIRCRAFT. ORDNANCE EXPENDED CONSISTED OF THIRTY 3000 POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS.

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4. DAMAGE TO HOUSING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SONG THUONG IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE IS EVIDENT:

AREA 1: (SECTION ALONG ROUTE 1, 300-600 YARDS SOUTHWEST OF THE BRIDGE).

NO MAJOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO HOUSING IS NOTED IN THIS AREA. FOURTEEN BUILDINGS HAVE SUSTAINED LIGHT TO MODERATE ROOF DAMAGE.

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AREA 2: (SECTION ON EITHER SIDE OF ROUTE 1 FROM THE WEST END OF LANG MET HIGHWAY BRIDGE TO A POINT 300 YARDS WEST OF THE BRIDGE). APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE BUILDINGS/HUTS HAVE SUSTAINED LIGHT TO MODERATE ROOF DAMAGE, APPROXIMATELY TWELVE BUILDINGS/HUTS HAVE SUSTAINED STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN BUILDINGS/HUTS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. LANG MET HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG THUONG HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

AREA 3: (SECTION ON EITHER SIDE OF ROUTE 1 FROM THE EAST END OF LANG MET HIGHWAY BRIDGE TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 300 YARDS EAST OF THE BRIDGE). APPROXIMATELY TWENTY SMALL HUTS ARE DESTROYED AND APPROXIMATELY TEN SMALL HUT TYPE BUILDINGS HAVE SUSTAINED LIGHT TO MODERATE ROOF DAMAGE.

AREA 4: (SECTION OF LANG MET FROM 300 YARDS TO 500 YARDS EAST OF LANG MET HIGHWAY BRIDGE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE 1).

ELEVEN BUILDINGS HAVE SUSTAINED LIGHT TO MODERATE ROOF DAMAGE.

5. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE LANG MET HIGHWAY BRIDGE CONTROLS TRAFFIC BETWEEN KEP AND LANG SON WHERE ROUTE 1A COULD BE USED AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE HANOI-LANG SON RAIL LINE. INTERDICTION OF THIS BRIDGE WILL CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THROUGH CAPACITY ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ROAD ACCESS FROM SOUTHERN CHINA TO HANOI VIA LANG SON.

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